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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a General FAST.

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WHereas for the Reasons mentioned in Our Declaration, Dated the Fourth of this Instant May, *We have Declared War against* France and Spain, *on the Success whereof the Common Safety of Our Kingdoms doth, under God, wholly depend; And putting Our Trust in Almighty God, that He will vouchsafe a Special Blessing to this Our so Righteous Undertaking, We have, out of Our own Religious Disposition, Resolved, and do hereby Command, That a General and Publick Fast be Observed, throughout this Kingdom, in such manner as is hereinafter Directed and Prescribed, that so both We and Our People may Humble Our Selves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon for Our Sins, and may in most Devout and Solemn manner send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for Imploring His Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of Us and Our Allies, and Our and Their Naval Forces, and for Restoring and Perpetuating Peace, Safety, Honour and Prosperity to Our Kingdoms and Dominions, and the Nations and States in Alliance with Us. And to the End that so Religious an Exercise may be Observed at one and the same time, We do hereby, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, Publish and Declare to all Our Loving Subjects, and do strictly Charge and Command, That on* Wednesday, *being the Tenth Day of* June, *this Fast shall be Religiously Kept and Observed throughout Our Kingdom of* England, *Dominion of* Wales, *and Town of* Berwick upon Tweed. *And for the more Religious and Orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Arch-Bishops and Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be Used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care for the Timely Dispersing thereof through their respective Dioceses. And We do strictly Charge and Command, That the said Publick Fast be Reverently and Decently Performed by all Our Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly Inflict on all such as shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious a Duty.*

Given at Our Court at St. *James's* the Fifteenth Day of *May*, 1702. In the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

St. James's, May 20. The following Address was presented to Her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Viscount *Bulkeley*, Knight of the Shire for the County of *Anglesey*, and *Robert Bulkeley* Esq; the Representative in Parliament of the Borough of *Beaumaris*.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen, of the County of *Anglesey*, and of the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Burgesses, of the ancient Borough of *Beaumaris*, in the said County.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE humbly beg leave to Condole with Your Majesty, as becomes us, the Death of His late Majesty, under which Loss (with others Your Majesties Subjects) we can very sincerely declare our selves comforted and supported by Your Majesties happy Accession to the Throne of your Royal Ancestors, whose Lawful Title we shall defend against the pretended Prince of Wales, *and all other Opposers whatsoever. Your Majesties Gracious Declaration in Council, and your Speech to your Parliament, confirmed to us what we before stedfastly believed, That Your Majesties Heart was entirely* English; *whereof Your Majesty has been since pleased to give us very ample and unexceptionable Testimonies, by the Satisfaction Your Majesty expressed upon your giving the Royal Assent to the Bill for Taking the Publick Accounts, and by that unparallel'd Grace and Goodness which moved Your Majesty to contribute so largely as you have done to the Ease and Relief of your Subjects, which must make us all the more chearfully submit to those great and heavy Taxes, that the Preservation of the Liberties of* Europe, *and Reducing the Exorbitant Power of* France, *may at this time require. May God long preserve Your Majesty a Blessing to your People, and may they ever make Your Majesty those Returns of Duty and Gratitude that become Loyal and Obedient People, to the most Glorious and Best of Sovereigns.*

The following Address was presented to Her Majesty by the Hon. *Thomas Bulkeley* Esq; Representative in Parliament of the County of *Carnarvan*, introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Great Chamberlain.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen, of the County of *Carnarvan*, and of the Burgesses of the ancient Borough of *Carnarvan*.

Dread Sovereign,

AS we received the News of the late King's Death, with due Regard to the Loss of so great a Prince, so our Grief was presently allayed, when we considered that the Crown of your Royal Ancestors was to descend to Your Majesty, whose Rightful and Lawful Title we shall defend with the last drop of our Blood, against the pretended Prince of Wales *and all other Opposers whatsoever.*

From Your Majesties Happy and Glorious Reign we promise to our selves all imaginable Felicity: We rest assured that a Heart entirely English *will always consult the Good of* England; *And by the Gift Your Majesty has lately made to your People of so large a Proportion of your own Revenue, Your Majesty has given an early and noble Instance how much your Royal Mind does compassionate the heavy Taxes this Nation now labours under, through the Negligence and Corruption of past Times: As your Wisdom will lead you to look into and correct those Abuses, so we remain in certain Hopes, from your Piety and Education, that the Church of* England, *as by Law Established, will hereafter meet with that Encouragement which the National Religion might justly expect. That all the good Ends which Your Majesty proposes to Your Self in your future Government may be brought to pass, shall be the constant Prayers of us your faithful Subjects.*

Which Addresses Her Majesty received very graciously.

Lisbon, April 25. *N. S.* An Express is sent from hence to the Envoy of this Crown in *England*, with the King of *Portugal's* Letters of Condoleance and Congratulation to the Queen of *Great Britain*, upon the late King's Death and Her Majesty's Succession to the Crown, and Letters of Credence to Her Majesty. Our outward-bound *Brasil* Fleet will sail in few days.

Cadiz, April 23. An Advice-Boat arrived yesterday at St. *Lucar* from the *West-Indies*, which came from the *Havana* about the middle of *February* last; the Master gives an Account, That the Plate Fleet was then at *Vera Cruz*; that they neither had their Cargo nor their Complement of Seamen on board, and no Preparations were made for their Sailing; and that there was a Sickness at *Vera Cruz*, which had destroyed a great number of the Inhabitants: He adds, That the *Spaniards* had begun to build a Fort at *Darien*, but the *Indians* rose against them, and killed all those who were employed in that Work, and remained Masters of the Place. Here is a Discourse, that the Galeons